

FROM THE CAPITAL

Senator Pedlar Returned Yesterday.

THE IMPORTANT ACTS REVIEWED

Six Bills Introduced by the Fresno Representative Passed the Legislature.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Senator A. J. Pedlar, accompanied by his wife and son, Cheater, returned on the Valley road train yesterday from San Francisco, where they have been since the adjournment of the legislature. The boy's illness prevented them from coming home before, but he is now on the road to recovery. He was attacked with inflammatory rheumatism during the latter part of the session of the legislature, and for a time his life was despaired of. He was removed from Sacramento to a hospital in San Francisco, and there, with the best of attention, he withstood the disease.

The senator and his wife do not appear much the worse for their stay at the state capital, but they are glad to return to Fresno. The climate of the San Joaquin Valley is to them much preferable than that of Sacramento.

Republican reporter, and connected to give an off-hand review of the work of the legislature on matters of interest to Fresno county. The county government bill, he said, is now in the hands of the governor, and he has until tomorrow to sign it. The senator thinks it will become a law. While pending in the assembly the bill was subjected to a few amendments, and upon the passage of the amendments, the bill was passed. The changes from the original bill of the senate first proposed, which has been published in the Republican, were the reduction of the under sheriff's salary from \$1800 to \$1500 a year, and providing for another deputy for the sheriff and one for the tax collector, at \$75 a month each. The law will not take effect, it is expected, until 1899.

An important measure was that passed the legislature at the primary election. The new law providing that all parties must hold their primaries on the same day and at the same place. This, it is believed, will do away with considerable of the corruption attendant upon primaries by preventing "regulating" by voters.

Another important act of the legislature was that to amend the vote of the people at the next election an amendment to the constitution fixing county legislation from the legislature and vesting it in a board of fifteen freeholders of a county, who shall be elected at a special election called by the supervisors. This board is to frame a charter under the constitution, and the charter, when approved by the board, shall be submitted to the people at a special election. Senator Pedlar favors this plan. In the first place, legislatures at every session have to go through the task of adjusting the government of the state, causing much wrangling and waste of time. And then a county knows better how to govern itself than does the legislature, where a representative from San Diego county is supposed to represent himself in the affairs of Del Norte county.

The legislature provided for a line of succession to one of the death of the governor or lieutenant governor, in order to prevent a recurrence of the trouble which resulted upon the death of Lieutenant Governor Miller two years ago. The line of succession from the governor is the lieutenant governor, speaker of the assembly, and then the judges of the supreme court. The lieutenant governor is also an important measure. It provides for the certification of property at the county recorder's office, and practically places the abstracting of titles there in connection with the county recorder's office, and it is not believed that the privilege will come into general use for a number of years, but will finally do so.

Six bills introduced by Senator Pedlar were passed by the legislature, three of which have been signed. The Governor still has the other three under consideration. Those which the executive has made laws are: That relating to the certification of property at the county recorder's office, that providing for the election of judges of the department in which the fifth class of judges is elected, and that relating to the election of judges of the court to be pursued in taking up stray stock by providing for the filing of notices with the county recorder and the nearest justice of the peace of the fact of the stock being strayed, and the return of the same by the constable at the expiration of thirty days. These still under consideration by the Governor are the following: The omnibus military bill, a substitution of the omnibus military bill, a bill providing for the election of judges of the court, and a bill providing for the election of judges of the court.

Senator Pedlar was a strong supporter of the bill making an appropriation for the coyote catch claims, which the state was in honor bound to pay. He considers that it was the most important bill which the legislature passed. Yesterday was the day for the election of the board of directors of the State Irrigation District. The board was elected by the People of the State of California upon the complaint of John C. Martin, recently elected director of the district from the third and first districts thereto respectively. The allegations in the two complaints are similar.

STILL MORE TROUBLE

NEW PHASE IN THE SUNSET DISTRICT SQUABBLE.

Actions Begun to Oust Directors

Milton McWhorter and L. H. Martin.

The difficulty in the Sunset Irrigation District has assumed another phase. Yesterday suit was begun in the superior court by the People of the State of California upon the complaint of John C. Martin, recently elected director of the district from the third and first districts thereto respectively. The allegations in the two complaints are similar.

The plaintiff in the first named suit alleges that on February 3, 1897, an election was held in the Sunset Irrigation District for the purpose of electing five directors for the term of two years from and after the 1st of January, 1897. The election was held at the residence of the plaintiff, and the plaintiff, Martin, was elected director in division 3, and thereafter, in accordance with said statute and laws, he received his certificate of election, took and subscribed his official oath as such director and executed a bond.

The complaint, alleges on information and belief, that on February 3, 1897, and long prior thereto McWhorter, and Martin, and others, conspired to defraud the district of the Sunset Irrigation district, and was not on that date or prior thereto, and is not now a freeholder in said district; that McWhorter died said oath in the office of the county clerk and not in that of the board of directors of the district, and that he never, intrinsically and unlawfully holds and exercises said office of director of the Sunset Irrigation district.

The plaintiff therefore prays for judgment that the said Martin, McWhorter, and others, be declared to be in default of said oath, and that he be enjoined and restrained from exercising said office. Attorney General Fitzgerald is attorney for the plaintiff, and Frank H. Shor, Allen & McAllister and John W. Boardman are of counsel.

Fifty odd cases were dismissed by Judge Riley yesterday.

Independence, intelligence and integrity of the members has been most marked. It is a credit to our state and deserving of the highest commendation.

COMING SPORTING EVENTS.

Courting and May Day Picnic at Athletic Park.

The Fresno Athletic Park Association has the following events booked to come off: Sunday, April 4th, Fresno vs. Bakersfield; Sunday, April 11th, courting matches and man hunt by blood hounds; Sunday, April 18th, the great charity baseball game between the Knickerbocker Company and the White Front Stores; Saturday, May 1st, May-day—children's games, exercises, May pole dances and baseball game between the high and grammar schools in the morning, and bicycle races in the afternoon.

The courting matches on Sunday, April 11th, are open to all dogs owned in the San Joaquin valley. There have never been any courting matches in Fresno before, therefore the coming matches are attracting a great deal of attention. The management of the park grounds desires all those who wish to run their dogs to have them at the grounds on Sunday, April 11th, at 1 o'clock. One entire side of the bicycle track will be fenced and no spectators will be allowed to go inside of the inclosure, therefore allowing the dogs to run in a clear field without interference.

Courting matches are very exciting, and as some of the finest dogs in the valley are expected to take part in the matches to be held here on the date before named a large attendance is expected.

Birthday Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party was given to Miss Blanche Boughton, on her fourteenth birthday, at the residence of her parents, 224 Diana street, last Monday evening. The evening was spent in playing games and at the close an excellent supper was served. Many handsome presents were received by Miss Blanche. Those present were: Misses Leona Hollenbeck, Thelma Hodel, Salome Hodel, Ruth Waterhouse, Ruth Upton, Try Snellman, Alice Harvey, Minnie Hall, Mattie Hall; Bert Nichols, Dan Hodel, Barney Martin, Delton Harvey, Arthur Borchert, Walter Olney and Sidney Harvey.

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

SEVERAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE DECIDED.

Interesting Events at the Athletic Club's Hall Next Saturday Night.

On next Saturday evening the Fresno Athletic club will give a boxing tournament at Armory hall. The events announced for the occasion have been carefully arranged, and are being looked forward to with considerable interest by the different amateur clubs of the coast. The principal reason for this interest is the fact that each contest is to decide a championship.

The first bout between E. Albin and W. Keisler, both of the local club, will decide the light weight championship of this organization. The next set to be fought will be between the champion of the Athletic club and J. Lawler of the Acme Athletic club for the featherweight championship of the Pacific coast. Then will come the match between Stewart Carter and Frank Gillette for the welterweight championship of the Pacific coast.

The contestants are all well known here. They are well matched, both physically and mentally, and a good deal of interest will be shown when they meet in the ring. From the latest reports from the different training quarters the men are all in splendid condition and eager for the fray.

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ABOUT OLIVE CULTURE

The Fruit Thrives Well in Fresno County.

SOLDS ADAPTED TO THE CROP

Methods of Picking—The Different Varieties.

The following instructive paper on "Olive Culture" was read by Mr. George Kneeling at the Farmers' Institute recently held in Fresno:

Little attention has been given thus far to olive culture in this county, and the want of interest in this branch of horticulture is probably due to the uncertainty of finding a remunerative market for the crop when produced, and also to the many things, the difficulties of curing the crop are in many instances so magnified by parties having no practical knowledge of the subject, that many who would probably embark in this, in my opinion one of the easiest industries of California, are deterred from planting. The first question which presents itself to one contemplating engaging in this industry is the one of soil, and the adaptability of our many and diversified soils to the cultivation of the olive. It is a well known fact that the olive will thrive on many soils on which most other plants will fail entirely, and while this is undoubtedly true, it is nevertheless a fact that in good soil, and with proper care, and a large variety of fruit trees will be obtained, not only in the production of the tree, but in their growth as well, than on a poor soil where little or no care is bestowed. That the olive is adapted to a large variety of soils, however, there is no doubt, and the fruit trees must be adapted, and this is a matter to be fully demonstrated by referring to orchards in widely separated districts in this and in other countries, where the olive is planted on soil of different character.

The impression seems to prevail among those who have had no practical experience in olive culture that the tree will thrive in the driest locations, and produce a crop of fruit of fine quality without any irrigation. In the coast counties, where there is a liberal supply of rain, and where they have been during the entire season and fall, there is no question in my mind that the olive will produce a crop of fruit of fine quality without any irrigation. In the coast counties, where there is a liberal supply of rain, and where they have been during the entire season and fall, there is no question in my mind that the olive will produce a crop of fruit of fine quality without any irrigation.

I have given our method as briefly as possible, and I wish to give a few hints which should be carefully observed if you wish to succeed. Keep the tree well watered by drawing off in a bucket every fifteen or twenty minutes and pouring it in at the top of the trunk. Do not let the water run down the trunk, but let it be absorbed by the leaves. In the case of the olive, the water should be poured in at the top of the trunk, and not at the base of the tree. In the case of the olive, the water should be poured in at the top of the trunk, and not at the base of the tree.

The first orchard planted by the California Fruit and Wine Land Company, near Reedley, is located on a hill, which is a rise of about twenty feet above the level of the surrounding country. This hill is commonly known as "dry hill," and is only found in the foothills of the country; it is in reality a black adobe, wonderfully rich, but very difficult to work. The trees are planted in rows, and the rows are spaced at intervals of ten feet. The trees are planted in rows, and the rows are spaced at intervals of ten feet.

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spots of which have been replaced with other lined with canvas to prevent bruising to a rough hand filled with water and partitioned off with wire netting to keep the different sizes separate. The olives are then transferred to a barrel in the olive room, which has a line of pipe running around it with facets every six feet for the purpose of supplying fresh water for the vats when necessary. A 2 1/2 percent solution of Greenleaf's disinfectant is used to kill the bacteria of decay in the oil. The oil is then placed in a barrel and allowed to remain for four hours, when it is drawn off, and the vat is then filled with fresh water. The oil is then drawn off and placed in a barrel, and the vat is then filled with fresh water. The oil is then drawn off and placed in a barrel, and the vat is then filled with fresh water.

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